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Box No. I Basis of the report**1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:**☒ The international application in the language in which it was filed☐ A translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:☐ international search (under Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1 (b))☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))**2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):**☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished☐ the description:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1 – 15	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1 – 12, 14, 15	YES
	Claims 13	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1 – 15	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

INVENTIVE STEP (IS) Claim 13:

D1 – WO 2001/005519 A1

D2 – US 3589087 A

D3 – US 4998391 A

D4 – US 5103608 A

D5 – JP 5-331984 A

Claim 13 is considered non-inventive in the light of D1, which discloses apparatus capable of performing the method of claim 1 except that it only has one hopper, which dispenses only one of the powdered components defined in claim 1: It is considered that adding a second, identical hopper to dispense a second powdered component into a second recess in the substrate would be within the knowledge of a person skilled in the art, and that therefore this difference does not constitute an inventive step.

Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claim 11 is not fully supported by the description because it does not define that the strips are formed of materials other than the powdered resins. It does not define either the photo-luminescent pigment or the friction-enhancing material of claim 1, which are considered to be essential features of the invention.